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"FAREWELL TO MECHANICS BUILDING"

Present-day photograph of Mechanics Building, Boston, where Aleppo Temple's Fall Ceremonial will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 1958. This will be the last function ever to be held in Boston's great 75 year old exhibition building.

ALEPPO SAYS "FAREWELL" TO ITS 58-YEAR HOME

As we leave our home of 58 years and look forward to a new home for Shrinedom's fourth largest Temple, we look to the future with the same spirit and determination the Officers and Nobles of our Shrine had at the turn of the century.

Our old landmark is being torn down, as of December 1, 1958, to make way for a 100 million dollar expansion program of the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

Aleppo Temple has made great strides since the first Ceremonial held by the Shrine in Mechanics Building, Boston, on March 19, 1900. As we approach the big Fall Ceremonial — the final Ceremonial of Aleppo Temple to be held in Mechanics Building, and what will prove to be the final event ever to be held in Boston's oldest and finest exhibition building — we are prepared and determined to go forward.

In the year 1900 the membership of Aleppo Temple was 3,042, and in 1907, the 25th anniversary of the organizing of our Temple, the membership had increased to 4,800.

On our 50th anniversary in 1932, the Headquarters and Executive Offices of the Temple were moved to Mechanics Building where, for the first time in the 50-year history of the Temple, the entire operation of Executive Offices, Ceremonials and Uniformed Units Headquarters were housed under one roof. At the end of this 50-year period, the membership had again grown to new heights.

On our 75th anniversary we are about to leave what has proved to be a wonderful home all these years for a record membership of 16,100.

Nearly every living Noble of Aleppo Temple received his initiation in Mechanics Building. One of the largest attendances at a Shrine Ceremonial in Mechanics Building was in the year 1946 when 6,218 Nobles were present.

Previous to holding Ceremonials in Mechanics Building in 1900, Aleppo held its Shrine Ceremonials in various places in Boston, including the Horticultural Hall, Symphony Hall, the Music Hall on Winter Street, and the Masonic Hall, Meridian Street, East Boston (1895).

Going Forward with Aleppo

Today, as we prepare to leave the "old Manse" and look forward to the fourth quarter of our first century of existence as a Shrine Temple, we proudly point to our heritage left by our former leaders. May we guard this heritage left by our "Noble" leaders of the past 75 years and go forward with vision of great days ahead, great days possible to men of determination, will and decision, who will carry the banner of Shrinedom high . . . men who will put leadership and service to our Shrine ahead of self-aggrandizement which is so prevalent in so many organizations and groups throughout the world today.

"That Old Red Ark — Mechanics Building"

"I had occasion the other day to drop into that wonderful old red brick ark on Huntington Avenue known all over the place as Mechanics Building, the first time I ever went in when nothing was going on in it, and emerged an hour or so later with the sensation of a reporter who has been living on a little scoop all his life and didn't know it. The place, its organization and its history is curious and interesting indeed.

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THANKSGIVING MESSAGE TO THE NOBILITY

While we are grateful for Shrinedom at all times in the year, it's November, the month of Thanksgiving, that reminds us to pause — to count our SHRINE BLESSINGS. I know that every member of Aleppo Temple will join me in an expression of gratitude for Our Beloved Fraternity.

We're thankful — for the wonderful associations, the good friends, splendid contacts and the fine citizens we have met thru Shrinedom.

We're grateful — for the happy hours of congenial and exhilarating fellowship found at Our Temple.

We appreciate — being members of The World's Greatest Fraternity and are proud of the powerful force it is in the maintaining of our high ideals.

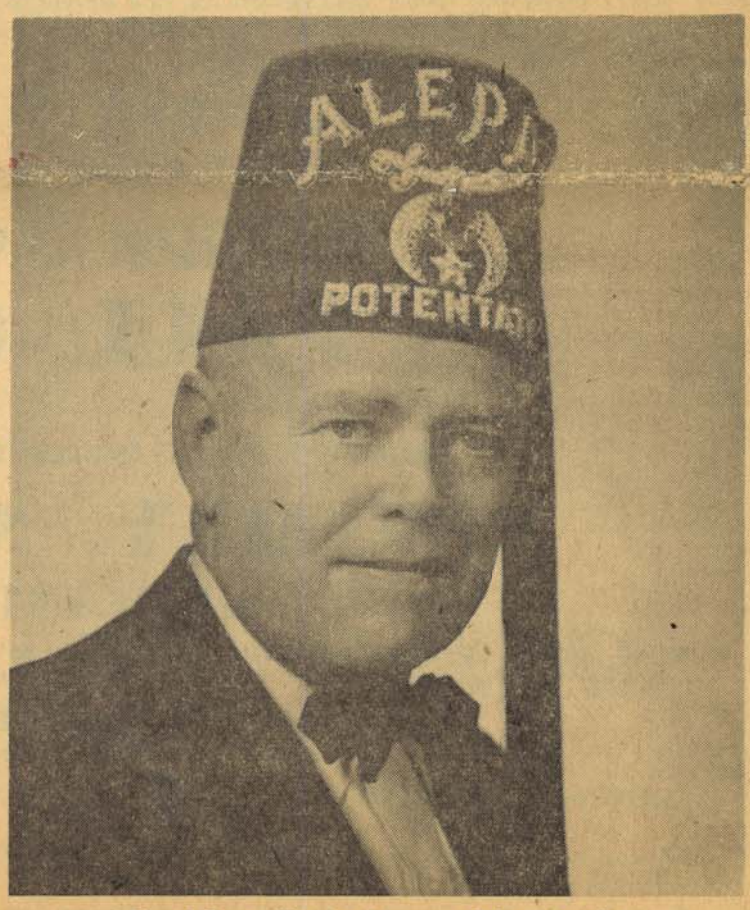
We're grateful — for the tremendous humanitarian accomplishments of Our 17 Crippled Children Hospitals.

We appreciate — the grand array of brilliant socials, superb parties, colorful entertainments and worthwhile events given by Our Temple.

We are thankful — to be Nobles of a Temple that so actively participates in worthwhile community events and gives leadership to civic affairs.

I know for these and countless other Shrine Blessings — every Noble will want to express HIS THANKSGIVING. The most FAR-REACHING, POSITIVE, AND EFFECTIVE way to express this gratitude is to tell your Knights Templar and 32d degree Scottish Rite friends just how much **the Shrine has meant to you.** Tell them of our colorful affairs, worth-while activities and magnificent accomplishments. Persuade them to petition Our Temples — NOW! Invite them to join and enjoy Shrinedoms' OUTSTANDING ADVANTAGES. Urge them to ACT AT ONCE to become Nobles of the Shrine at our big FORTHCOMING YEAR-END CEREMONIAL.

There is no finer way to express THANKSGIVING for the many blessings Shrinedom has given you than to give back to Shrinedom that **powerful blessing of new membership.** The friends you persuade to become Shriners creates thanksgiving threefold. 1. You are thankful for having given your friends the opportunity to enjoy Shrinedom. 2. They are thankful for the right to participate in Shrinedom's many benefits. 3. Our Temple is thankful for the new interest, the new devotion, the new enthusiasm and the NEW LIFE that only new members make possible. I call upon every Noble to express HIS GRATITUDE for Shrinedom by giving to Our Temple a MIGHTY CLASS at OUR FORTHCOMING CEREMONIAL.



Edgar L. Turner, Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple.

ALEPPO TEMPLE ENDORSES ILLUSTRIOUS EDGAR L. TURNER FOR IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD IN 1959

At the last business meeting of Aleppo Temple held August 22, 1958 it was unanimously voted and resolved by the members of the Temple to endorse Illustrious Edgar L. Turner for the office of Imperial Outer Guard.

Illustrious Noble Turner's name will be presented at the next session of the Imperial Council to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the week of July 6th, 1959.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Aleppo Temple having been a duly constituted and legally chartered Shrine Temple for the past 77 years, and presently the fourth largest in membership among 166 Temples in North America, is desirous of having representation on the Imperial Divan;

AND WHEREAS: Edgar L. Turner, Potentate of Aleppo Temple, who possesses the energy, enthusiasm, youth, and business experience, and through these qualifications and unselfish devotion to Shrinedom, has proved his ability to serve our Order with outstanding leadership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Aleppo Temple here assembled at this Business Meeting does recommend and endorse Illustrious Noble Edgar L. Turner as a Candidate for the office of Imperial Outer Guard of the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Representatives to the Imperial Council and the Officers and Nobles of Aleppo Temple use all proper and legal means in keeping with the By-laws, Code, Rules and Regulations of the Imperial Council and Aleppo Temple to seek his election to this high office in our Order.

Mechanics Building in 1900. How many of our Nobles can remember Mechanics Building at the turn of the century? And the side-door trolley cars with the "jitney" fares? Note the overhead telephone wires and the apparel of the day.

Mechanics Building

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"How many of the three-quarters of a million people or more who swarm into it in the course of a year to look at the Sportsmen's Show, the Flower Show, the Dog Show and the endless procession of exhibitions that take place there annually know, for example, that Paul Revere was the first president of the private organization that owns and operates the building?

Franklin's Press

"Or that it houses, among other irreplaceable museum pieces, Ben Franklin's own printing press?

"Or that the organization itself, officially The Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, was responsible for the completion of the Bunker Hill Monument?

"Answer: practically no one but the members themselves; the general public, myself including, merely accept it, like so many other interesting things around town, as a place to go and see something in while not seeing the place itself.

"The building, of which more later, dates from 1881 and occupies, insofar as anyone can pinpoint the location, the site of the great Peace Exposition of the 70's when Johann Strauss conducted an orchestra and chorus of 20,000 (including a thousand firemen beating on anvils). But the organization owning and operating the building dates from 1794 when a group of tradesmen, mechanics and manufacturers of Boston assembled at the Green Dragon Tavern to consult on measures for petitioning the General Court to revise and amend the laws respecting apprentices.

"At the time the apprentice system was in full bloom; so full, in fact, that the apprentices, who were bound to their masters until their 21st birthday, often acquired so much technical skill before their apprenticeship was over they broke their agreements and went into business for themselves. So it was, in 1794, a group of 83 men representing bricklayers, blacksmiths, coopers, cordwainers, goldsmiths, shipwrights, masons, hairdressers, riggers, and others in the mechanical trades met with silversmith Paul Revere to consider what could be done.

Revere Elected

"While they apparently hadn't thought of making it a permanent organization from the outset the idea immediately took hold, and the officers were elected the following spring with Paul Revere as first president. The annual dues were a dollar ('payable quarterly') but it took Associated Mechanics, as they were first called, ten years to get their proposals through the legislature, for many believed it was a combination to extort extravagant prices for labor.

"This was not the case; from the very outset the charitable character of the Association (renamed to its present title in 1806) was evident in many financial grants to mechanics in difficulty . . . Indeed, in its 160 years to date, it had disbursed no less than a half million for charitable purposes and more than $125,000 in educational scholarships for the mechanical trades.

"A survey of its activities in those 160 years turns up a number of little-known things about this . . . well, maybe I shouldn't say little-known organization (though certainly the general public is hardly aware of its enormous contribution to the life of the city). From the beginning a social as well as a professional group (its 'festivals' according to the Association's history, were 'frequently of a convivial character'), it inaugurated lecture courses on scientific subjects as early as 1828, courses that attracted national attention. One, on railroads, which were at the time all but unheard of, had to be repeated for the state legislature. These lecture courses were continued up to fairly recent times, as were the schools it founded.

Aided Constitution

"But (under Revere's leadership) it contributed to the adoption in Massachusetts of the Federal Constitution, took part in founding the Massachusetts General Hospital, established a vast library on scientific and mechanical topics for apprentices, operated schools in writing, arithmetic and drawing, built the famous old Revere House hotel, presented the City of Boston with the Franklin statue in front of the City Hall, helped preserve the Paul Revere house for posterity, finished up the Bunker Hill monument and, of course, sponsored endless numbers of mechanical exhibitions and displays that were the wonder of the times.

"Today the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association has dwindled from a membership of a thousand or more in the 80's and 90's to about 190, and while its educational and social activities are correspondingly curtailed, its charitable and benevolent character remains in its scholarships and other good works.

"The reason for the dwindling membership is clear enough, too, for it lies in the (close) definition of the word 'mechanic.' Just as the day of the apprentice passed, so has the day of the mechanic, the skilled artisan. And to be a member a man must for five years have been a partner or an owner of a firm that employs 'mechanics.' But it still has a tiger by the tail in Mechanics Building.

"Although Mechanics Building isn't terribly old as buildings go, being but a mere 73 years of age, the elaborate Victorian conceits of its red brick exterior which extends for 600 or more feet along Huntington avenue, it somehow conveys a sense of remote and faded grandeur.

"To walk along the street outside and examine the facade of the building is to find all kinds of surprises and fancies in brick; bas reliefs of steam engines, locomotives, scenes of industry and commerce cut into solid brick over the portals; herringbone work, flaring cornices, intricate mouldings, decorative dormers and window frames and, in fact, all the florid details so much in vogue at the time and characteristic of many Back Bay homes and buildings."

The above article, written by one of Boston's outstanding feature writers, the late Mr. Rudolph Elie, was reprinted in 1955 by permission of Mr. Elie and the Boston Herald-Traveler Corp., and is being reprinted again at this time due to the present interest in Mechanics Building which will be razed following the November Ceremonial.

The article, which brings to light many anecdotes and interesting facts concerning one of Boston's great landmarks, the Mechanics Building, is of interest to the members of Aleppo Temple, whose executive offices and band room have been located in the Building since 1932 and whose members have been attending Ceremonials in Mechanics Building since 1900. The Building, as outlined by Mr. Elie, was owned by an Association and not by Aleppo Temple, which has been the belief of many of our members, no doubt due to our long occupancy, as mentioned above.

Aleppo's Past Potentates

Following is a list of the Past Potentates of Aleppo Temple. Of the 36 Potentates, 31 have presided over Ceremonials of Aleppo in Mechanics Building:

*Henry E. Hosley	6/82-12/89
*James R. Fox	12/89-12/90
*Thomas Waterman	12/90-12/93
*Caleb Saunders	12/93-12/96
*Frederick H. Spring	12/96-12/99
*Albion F. Welch	12/99-9/02
*James S. Blake	9/02-12/05
*Charles C. Henry	12/05-12/08
*Charles A. Estey	12/08-12/11
*George A. Shackford	12/11-12/14
*Walter W. Morrison	12/14-1/27
*Francis H. Appleton	1/27-1/29
*Samuel C. L. Haskell	1/29-1/31
*Roy A. Fay	1/31-1/33
*Almon E. Greenleaf	1/33-1/34
*Fred E. Bolton	1/34-1/35
Clarence J. McKenzie	1/35-1/36
*Frank A. North	1/36-1/37
Harry G. Pollard	1/37-1/38
*Charles T. Cahill	1/38-1/39
James J. Curry	1/39-1/40
Robert G. Wilson, Jr.	1/40-1/44
Willard P. Lombard	1/44-1/45
Arthur A. Sondheim	1/45-1/46
*Lionel G. Palmer	1/46-1/47
Justin A. Duncan	1/47-1/48
*Wallace D. Riddell	1/48-7/48
Frank B. Ells	7/48-1/50
N. Russell Lynn	1/50-1/51
*Andrew S. Seiler	1/51-1/52
Lawson W. Oakes	1/52-1/53
Arthur G. MacKenzie	1/53-1/54
Gerald F. Zedren	1/54-1/55
Herman C. McStay	1/55-1/57
George A. Weeks	1/57-1/58
Edgar L. Turner	1/58-

*Deceased

Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

FALL CEREMONIAL

IN HONOR OF

MOST WORSHIPFUL ANDREW GRAY JENKINS, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1958

MECHANICS BUILDING, BOSTON

NOTE: YOUR 1958 SHRINE CARD is necessary to participate in the above ceremonies. BE SURE YOU HAVE **YOURS** BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MEETING.

AFTERNOON MEETING 3:30 P.M., PAUL REVERE HALL

Enter at 99 Huntington Avenue for Afternoon Meeting

BALLOTING ON CANDIDATES — **BUSINESS MEETING** — **RITUAL WORK IN FULL FORM**

SPECIAL NOTICE — PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Petitions to be acted upon at this meeting must be in the Recorder's office not later than 5:00 P.M., Saturday, November 22, 1958 (two working days before the meeting).

The following amendment of the By-Laws of Aleppo Temple, which was submitted and read at the Business Meeting on Friday, August 22, 1958, will be acted upon at this Business Meeting to be held in Mechanics Building, Boston, Tuesday, November 25, 1958.

"*Moved to amend Article III, Section 8, of the By-Laws* by adding at the close of the *second* sentence thereof the clause 'except that in the event of absence or incapacity of the Potentate, the Chief Rabban may sign in lieu of the Potentate, and in the event of absence or incapacity of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer may sign in lieu of the Treasurer.' Also by adding as a *fourth* sentence in Section 8 the words: 'An Assistant Treasurer may be elected by vote of the Temple at any regular or special session, his duty being to perform the duties of Treasurer, including counter-signature of checks, in the event of absence or incapacity of the Treasurer.'"

BUFFET DINNER - - - 4:45 TO 6:45 P.M.

Grand Banquet Hall, Mechanics Building

Enter 99 Huntington Avenue — Doors open to Banquet Hall at 4:45 P.M.

EVENING MEETING, 6:00 P.M., GRAND HALL

GRAND ENTRANCE
BUSINESS MEETING
BAND CONCERT — ORGAN CONCERT
ARAB PATROL DRILL
EVENING PARADE AND REVIEW

ALEPPO CHANTERS
ORIENTAL BAND
INDUCTION OF CANDIDATES
SECOND SECTION WORK BY DEGREE STAFF
GRAND VAUDEVILLE SHOW

1958 CARD ADMITS YOU — **WEAR YOUR FEZ**

Attest:

HARVEY B. LEGGEE
Recorder

EDGAR L. TURNER
Illustrious Potentate

DON'T MISS IT!

The Biggest — The Best — The Last In Boston's Great Exhibition Building, Mechanics Building

FALL CEREMONIAL TUESDAY, NOV. 25

HONORING THE

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Most Worshipful Andrew Gray Jenkins
Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND MASTER

For over fifty years Mechanics Building has resounded on frequent occasions to the pleasantry and pageantry of Aleppo Temple activities, and each one of us will have some particular remembrance to cherish after "the walls come tumbling down." I shall relive many happy moments of companionship and friendliness in the old familiar surroundings. Foremost in my thoughts, however, will be the recollection of the harmony that has existed between Shrinedom and our particular "Blue" Lodges, and I am especially cognizant of this close cooperation since it has been my privilege and pleasure to be actively engaged in Grand Lodge affairs. We have come a long way in working together, and it is my fervent hope that this enthusiasm and cooperation may continue into the future without interruption.

With so many others, I regret the necessity of leaving our meeting place of over half a century, but I am sure that Aleppo Temple will not suffer in the loyal support of its sixteen thousand members during this transition period, and confident that whatever may be determined will have the enthusiastic approval of every one.

Shrine Clubs Bring Shrinedom Closer To Nobles. Do You Belong To A Shrine Club?

There are eight fine Shrine Clubs located in strategic points throughout the jurisdiction of Aleppo Temple. These Clubs are doing an outstanding job of spreading the sunshine of the Shrine as well as furthering the interest of our well known philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

A Noble needs only to visit a meeting or function of one of these Clubs to recognize its importance to Shriners and Shrinedom as well as to the area in which it is located.

The only thing lacking in these Shrine Clubs is the fact that there are many Nobles of Aleppo Temple eligible for membership in a Shrine Club who have not taken advantage of the opportunity.

The cost of membership in all Shrine Clubs is very small considering the opportunities to serve others and to enjoy good fellowship among our members at Club meetings and entertainments by taking an active part in these functions.

Most Shrine Clubs have regular meetings and functions and issue notices of these activities in their communities. If you are not a member, we suggest that you join up now because you will get a lot more fun out of the Shrine by affiliating with the Shrine Club in your Community. A list of the Officers of our eight Shrine Clubs, sponsored by Aleppo Temple, is printed on page 6.

IS IT A.F. & A.M. OR F. & A.M.?

The question often arises among our members as to why some Grand Lodges designate themselves A.F. & A.M. and others as F. & A.M.

Before the United Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1813, there were two Grand Lodges existing in England. One was known as the "Ancients" and the other as the "Moderns." Both of the Grand Lodges issued charters to Lodges in the U. S. A. Those chartered by the Moderns, which was the older Grand Lodge in England, used the title F. & A.M. Those chartered by the Ancients, used A.F. & A.M.

As for principle and ritual of the Grand Lodges in the United States using either of these titles, there is practically no difference except such as the Grand Lodges legislate.

There are in the United States 49 Grand Jurisdictions of which 25 use A.F. & A.M., 23 using F. & A.M., one using A.F.M (Ancient Free Masons) South Carolina.

Massachusetts is the only Grand Jurisdiction in the United States not numbering their lodges.

What Masonry Means

I take great pride in my Masonry. I was received into the Craft almost a quarter of a century ago and am sure today I have not exhausted even the smallest vein of its richly laden ore.

It is a source of help and comfort and pleasure I can absolutely rely upon. When I have wearied of other labors I can turn confidently to my lodge room and find companionship and courage. There is something indefinable in Masonry I can find nowhere else in the world. Familiar as I am with the Masonic ritual, it continues ever fresh and ever new. Always it seems to me, as I hear it again repeated, I catch a new thought or a new inspiration and a new grip on the eternal truths of life.

Masonry has greatly enriched my life. It has given me friendships that I cherish dearly. It has, I think, whispered subconsciously to me in silent hours words of caution and encouragement.

I like going back to my lodge. I have found it refreshing and good to step aside out of the path of my busy life and sit again with the Masons who have carried on in my absence. To this experience I come gladly and joyfully, as a boy returns again to his old home which he left to seek his fortune. Still some of the old brothers await to welcome me. Grown a little older I find them, but still strong and eager for the duties of a Mason! With them I can be what I long so often to be — just one of the craft. Their aprons and mine are made of the same cloth; their dreams and mine are similar; their pulses beat to the same inspiration and we are all at peace.

Rich and poor, high and low make no difference there. The pomp of life is thrown aside. Only that which is important counts.

Masonry has taught me the follies of petty distinctions and the shams of pride and place.

I am grateful to it for that.

Let Your Prospect Know Why You Belong To The Shrine

There are more than 800,000 Shriners in the country today, so there are probably more than 800,000 different reasons for belonging to it. I do not pretend that my own reasons are common to all, but I do believe that there are a few basic reasons which all of us share in some degree or other.

The main reason why I belong to the Shrine is because I am a Mason. That is so elementary that many of us don't think about it very much. We sometimes forget that Masonry has always been identified with high patriotism and a zealous devotion to American principles of democracy and freedom. We sometime forget that fundamental principles of Masonry, of liberty, justice, unselfishness, truth, service, and all the rest, are the finest examples of real brotherhood and moral ethics to be found anywhere.

At a time when we have been witnessing a world-wide social revolution and a strong sweep towards dictatorship, we should be proud that we belong to an order which is opposed to oppression in any form. The Masonic order is always the first victim of suppression wherever a dictatorship seeks to establish itself. Should the time ever come when the defenders of freedom and democracy in this country are reduced to only a small number, most of them will be Masons. I am proud to be a Mason, and I want to see the principles exemplified in Masonry continue to be the rule and guide of America's faith.

I could be a Mason, of course, without belonging to the Shrine, so there must be other reasons than that. I have no doubt that when the Shrine was first organized, its chief purpose was to have a good time. Fun is absolutely necessary in any fellowship organization. Masonry was not intended to be a social organization; its by-laws and its charters were established when the serious side was of paramount importance. But no serious effort can be long maintained without a break. The Shrine provides the opportunity for fun in all Masonic fellowship while preserving for Masonry the dignity of its position.

Fun organizations are a dime a dozen and few of them last very long. The Shrine has grown because it reflects the true spirit and charity of Masonry. While having fun, it is taking to its heart the cause of crippled children. The Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children are reopening the door to a life of useful service to children regardless of race, nationality and creed. The Shrine has become one of the greatest charitable institutions in the world, and all of Masonry shares in that honor.

No one can tell by looking at a man whether he is a Mason or not. But the whole world knows that when they see a red fez, they there see a Mason. Through its pageantry, its ceremonials, its parades, its bands, its patrols, and all of them in spectacular and colorful costumes, the Shrine in publicizing Masonry to the world. No organization can grow and prosper in this modern age without publicity. The Shrine is the only organization which can give this necessary publicity to Masonry.

There is no way, save through the Shrine, for Masonry to be united in a common cause. There is nothing in the charter or organization of Masonic orders to bring about unity, or even permit it. The Shrine has developed into a great force where all of Masonry can be united. The growth of Masonry in America in recent years has been paced by the growth of the Shrine. The red fez has become a badge of distinction which all of Masonry may proudly wear, knowing that it is envied by all who are not qualified to wear it.

We who are privileged to wear the red fez want our Masonic brethren to understand that we don't belong to the Shrine just because we like to collect due cards or because we don't know what else to do with our money. We enjoy the Shrine, of course, but more than that, we belong to it because we are Americans. We don't want to live in Russia or any other country under totalitarian government. We love this country and the American way of life.

We are proud to be part of an organization which has taken to its heart the cause of crippled children. We are pleased that it has shouldered the responsibility of publicizing Masonry to the world. We are not competitive with any Masonic or correlated body. We share their loftiest ideals and their sincerest motives. We want all to prosper.

That's why I belong to the Shrine.

Shrine Club Project Under Way, Masonic Temple Grounds To Get Face Lifting

The members of the Gardner Shrine Club have taken the lead in an effort to clear up the Gardner Masonic Temple grounds and to generally landscape the area and have accepted the responsibility to see the job through.

It has not been practical to organize working bees. Everyone is busy with his own problems, and such working bees always result in the same few people doing the work. It seemed wise this time to employ those with the necessary skills and equipment. We are able to buy these services at a minimum cost, for in many cases members of the fraternity are willing to help.

A steam shovel and bulldozer have buried rocks and debris and done the grading. Four loads of loam have been brought in and eighteen loads of gravel. The new loam areas on the easterly side and front have been limed and seeded — trees and shrubs have been trimmed to the point where it is felt they will grow back properly.

The lower basement has been cleared of dirt and debris and partly cemented. The balance of the cement will be poured soon, giving us a 40' x 50' area available for recreational facilities in the future. When the back yard is completely cleaned up, it too, will be available for outdoor activities.

This has been a costly undertaking which the Building Trustees are in no position to pay for. The Shrine Club has made generous contributions which, in part, take care of the expense, but by no means will this cover the entire cost. Therefore, we need your help as a loyal Mason.

We do not ask any specific sum . . . please enclose whatever you can spare in an envelope. Your name should appear on the outside so that we may know from whom the contribution was received.

Be as generous as you can so that the work may be finished and paid for and the grounds maintained in the condition in which we know you would like to have them.

Potentate Turner Accepts Gift On TV For Shrine Hospital

On Monday, October 13, during the Farm and Garden TV program on Channel 5 in Boston, Illustrious Potentate Edgar L. Turner accepted a gift of 1200 Imported Holland Tulip Bulbs for the New England Unit of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

The bulbs, which will be planted on the grounds of our Shrine Hospital in Springfield, were the gift of the Massachusetts Nursery Association.

Mrs. Robert Anderson of the Happy Valley Nursery Farm of Bedford, wife of Noble Robert Anderson of Aleppo, made the presentation to the Illustrious Potentate.

Noble John L. Sisson 62-Year Member, Celebrates 100th Anniversary

One of Aleppo's venerable members, Noble John L. Sisson, of Boston, reached the century mark when he celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary on Tuesday, October 14, 1958, at the Ramsay House in Jamaica Plain. A birthday party was held in his honor and was attended by over 40 of his friends at the Home, including Dr. Frank Romano, Director of the Ramsay House. and Senator John E. Powers.

Among many birthday greetings received by Noble Sisson was a congratulatory telegram from President Eisenhower, and a birthday greeting from Aleppo.

Noble Sisson was initiated in Aleppo Temple November 5, 1896 in a Ceremonial held in what was then the "Music Hall" on Winter Street, Boston. He was one of 66 Candidates who "crossed the Hot Sands" at this Ceremonial. According to the old records of the Temple "the Order was conferred upon the 66 Novices in full form and with new and complete accessories and they having signed the By-Laws were enrolled as members of Aleppo Temple."

According to the present records of Aleppo, there are two other Nobles still holding membership who were among the class of 66 initiated in November, 1896 . . . Noble Isaac Cohen of Brookline and Noble Charles F. Moore of Orleans.

The Officers and Nobles of Aleppo Temple extend to Noble Sisson their heartiest congratulations on his 100th birthday!

1958 ELECTED DIVAN OF ALEPPO TEMPLE

FREDERIC B. DUNCAN
Chief Rabban

ALEPPO TEMPLE PERSONNEL

ELECTED DIVAN

EDGAR L. TURNER.....*POTENTATE*
FREDERIC B. DUNCAN.....*CHIEF RABBAN*
FRANCIS R. SAGLE.....*ASSISTANT RABBAN*
GEORGE B. ROWELL.....*HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET*
JAMES C. BAYLEY.....*ORIENTAL GUIDE*
JUSTIN A. DUNCAN, P.P.....*TREASURER*
HARVEY B. LEGGEE.....*RECORDER*

TEMPLE OFFICERS

Herbert N. Faulkner.....*First Ceremonial Master*
Clarence G. Young.....*Second Ceremonial Master*
J. William Garcia.....*Director*
Walter W. Benson.....*Marshal*
Raymond A. Phillips.....*Captain of the Guard*
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"What is the Mystic Shrine?"

Most people who ask what the Mystic Shrine is know that it is allied to Masonry, though not a part of it, and those who, not Masons, knowing something about it, will reply that it is "The Playground of Masonry."

Both answers are partly correct. The Mystic Shrine is, in a sense, the "Playground of Masonry," and it is not a direct part of Masonry. However, the prerequisite for membership in the Mystic Shrine is membership in good standing in the Scottish Rite Bodies, 32nd degree, or in the York Rite Bodies up to and including the rank of Knight Templar.

The Shrine dates back to 1871 when the noted American actor, William J. Florence, together with Dr. Walter M. Fleming and other Masonic friends, set about the organization of a Shrine Temple in New York City, presumably to organize a social club or society for mutual enjoyment.

That the Order of the Mystic Shrine was instituted by some Mohammedan many years ago and that the Khedive of Egypt and other high dignitaries of the East were members of the Order before it was known in America is probably more interesting than true. It is quite probable that there were Orders in Europe from which the founders in America received many ideas, but the belief it was founded upon, or had any connection with any Oriental societies, was probably promulgated by Nobles of a novelistic rather than historical trend of mind.

From past records we are inclined to believe that William J. Florence returned from a trip to Europe with the thought in mind of having in connection with Masonry a body composed entirely of Masons, which would combine the Oriental splendor of the East with the lighter touch than was provided in the great Craft to which they all belonged.

No Mason would want to have the Masonic Order relax from its moral and ethical teachings; but in the Mystic Shrine, Masons are provided an avenue for relaxation, mirth, and good clean merriment, and it was for this purpose the Order was founded.

During the year 1871 thirteen Masons held a preliminary meeting leading to the formation of a Shrine Temple, and on June 6, 1872, these same Masons met at the Masonic Hall in New York City and formally organized a "Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," which they named "Mecca Temple." From this original gathering the Mystic Shrine has grown to an Order embracing 166 Temples in North America with a combined membership of over 800,000 Nobles. The growth and scope of the Order has been phenomenal and a surprise and gratification to even its most enthusiastic members.

During the year 1876 an Imperial Council was formed to govern the various local Temples which might be organized and to issue Charters. This Imperial Council is now incorporated in the State of Iowa.

The First Section of a Shrine Ceremonial is the connecting tie between Freemasonry and the Shrine. It is dignified and impressive, leaving no doubt in the mind of the candidate that only through the principles and precepts of the Craft can he be fitted for, or entitled to the privileges of the Order. He is made fully aware that his obligation reaffirms all the solemn promises of every prerequisite degree. Thus, Masonic unity is firmly established.

The Second Section is used as an opportunity to impress the candidate that relaxation, and an appeal to the humorous side of human nature makes a better Mason and a happier Shriner.

Leading statesmen, military men, professional and businessmen, find in the Mystic Shrine the relaxation which their arduous lives demand, that they may be better fitted to carry on the work of their several vocations. Bound together by the ties of the Masonic Bodies to which they have given allegiance, they feel closer together as Shriners than as Masons alone, for wherever two or more Shriners meet there is a conclave.

Aside from the many good works attributed to the Mystic Shrine, the members and their families look to the Shrine for some of their most cherished social contacts.

It may be in the East or in the wilds of Africa, but Shriners always feel at home together without any formalities or delays, and the fellowship seems as close as though they were members of the same Blue Lodge in far-off America. Each knows the other has nothing to sell him, but is prepared to give him something — his friendship and the warm hand-clasp of a fellow Shriner.

For they know that on his way to Shrinedom the new Masonic acquaintance has passed the scrutiny of Chapter, Council and Commandery membership, or of the brothers of the Lodge of Perfection, the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, the Chapter of Rose Croix and the Consistory thirty-second degree. Added to this is the hearty good-fellowship inculcated by the Mystic Shrine, which was founded to promote this very thing among Masons and promulgates it to a degree which warms the hearts of its members and which is a comfort to all of them.

It brings to the surface the good feeling which all Masons feel for fellow members of the Craft and expresses it in a way which makes all Shriners feel it is good to have trod "the hot sands of the desert" and to have travelled "the road to Mecca" with fellow Masons.

The Mystic Shrine is the modern idea of Fraternalism. It worships no history or fetishes of greatness, but looks only for the opportunities of today and tomorrow to do the world's work.

Such is the Mystic Shrine, which, during its existence has stepped aside to share its warmheartedness and jollity with thousands, not only with Masonic members, but among the unfortunates of the world, testifying the true spirit of Shrinedom and the happiness of its members in extending help to others.

Potentates Of Aleppo

A glance through the records of Aleppo Temple reveals some very interesting information regarding Nobles who have served our Temple as Illustrious Potentates since Aleppo Temple received its dispensation on August 3, 1882.

In the 76 years of its existence, Aleppo has had 36 Potentates including the present incumbent, Illustrious Noble Edgar L. Turner.

Our senior living Past Potentate is Illustrious Noble Clarence J. McKenzie who served as Illustrious Potentate of our Temple in the year 1935.

Illustrious Noble Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who served as Potentate of Aleppo for the years 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1943, also served as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America from July, 1951 to June, 1952.

The late Walter W. Morrison, Past Potentate and Recorder, served Aleppo as Illustrious Potentate for 12 years from December, 1914 to January, 1927. During that period, Walter made the unequaled and enviable record of initiating 12,345 candidates in our Temple.

Thirty-five of our Past Potentates belong to a Commandery of Knights Templar, holding membership in Commanderies in the jurisdiction of Aleppo at the time they served in office. A further check through the records shows that 15 of these Illustrious Nobles held membership in Boston Commandery, 6 held membership in St. Omer Commandery, and 3 belonged to Joseph Warren Commandery.

The record of service of these Potentates reveals the fact that the 6 Potentates who came to Aleppo from St. Omer Commandery served as Potentate for 26 years and the 15 Sir Knights from Boston Commandery served as Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple for 25 years.

There were 10 of our Past Potentates who received the Honorary 33rd Degree in Masonry. One of our Past Potentates, Illustrious Harry G. Pollard, has the distinction of being a Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

Among the 36 Past Potentates will be found 15 Past Masters, 14 Past Commanders of Commanderies, 2 Past Commanders-in-Chief of Massachusetts Consistory, and 3 Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Lost On The Desert

The following is a list of names and last known addresses of Nobles of Aleppo Temple whose mail is being returned by the Post Office marked "UNKNOWN" or "MOVED — LEFT NO ADDRESS."

We would appreciate help in locating these Nobles. If you know of a better address, let us know . . . or contact them direct and request them to advise the Recorder to assure future Shrine mail delivery.

Due to the similarity of names as listed in the telephone and city directories, a direct contact is requested.

George E. Carzis, 1844 De Adalena Street, Rosemeade, California.

Ralph E. Diamond, Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Mass.

Howell E. Dupuy, 67 Wellesley Street, Weston 93, Mass.

Albert B. Fitzpatrick, R. F. D. 3, Attleboro, Mass.

Charles Gamarnick, Salisbury Beach, Mass.

Irvin Goodman, 2905 Woodrow Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

Robert E. Leonard, Navy NO-510, CSCN-CHSA, % FPO., New York, N. Y.

Horace A. Matchner, 13301 East Outer Drive, Detroit 24, Michigan.

D. Bruce Myers, 40 Queensberry Street, Boston 15, Mass.

Arthur L. Smith, 819 San Carlos Drive, Fort Myers, Florida.

Charles H. Smith, 42 Willow Street, Stamford, Conn.

Herbert L. Wiggin, Manchester, New Hampshire.

GEORGE B. ROWELL
High Priest and Prophet

JAMES C. BAYLEY
Oriental Guide

JUSTIN A. DUNCAN, P. P.
Treasurer

HARVEY B. LEGGEE
Recorder

DR. THOMAS SHERRARD ROY, D.D.
Past Imperial Chaplain

HERBERT N. FAULKNER
1st Ceremonial Master

CLARENCE G. YOUNG
2nd Ceremonial Master

J. WILLIAM GARCIA
Director

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Thomas Sherrard Roy, D.D., Past Imperial Chaplain

On Tuesday, November 25, we say goodbye to Mechanics Hall; and on Thursday the 27th we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Somehow the two don't seem to belong in the same week. They don't go together.

For almost sixty years Aleppo Temple has been identified with Mechanics Hall; and for the most of us the only meaning Mechanics Hall has had for us has been its association with Aleppo Temple. Breaking the tie takes some of the thanks out of thanksgiving. For we shall miss the spacious halls that seemed to be made especially for the stirring music of Boston's finest band, and the colorful parades, and the hilarity of the hot sands — everything on a grand scale. And we shall miss the contrasting reverent silence of the moment of prayer, and the fading echoes of Taps.

If we have not lost our perspective, however, we shall include in our thanksgiving a word of gratitude for all the enjoyments that have come to us in Mechanics Hall, and for the men who have led the Temple there to its position of greatness, some of them now dwelling in the Temple that knows no walls.

Beyond this we should express our gratitude that Aleppo Temple is an organism and not a place. Its home is within the hearts of men and not within the walls of the building. It will find for itself a meeting place equal to the demands of its work. And we shall thrill again to the ringing music, and the pageantry of marching men, and the gyrations of the favored few in each class.

We should be grateful for this also, that there is always some new opportunity in every circumstance in life, no matter how unfavorable it may seem. No door closes but another opens. I shall hazard the assertion that Aleppo Shriners in the future will say that the separation with Mechanics Hall was the smile and not the frown of fortune; for it compelled action that brought a new day to the Temple.

Let us be thankful that the opportunities in Shrinedom are not dependent upon association with a particular place, but rather with the hospital facilities we have established to meet a great need; and thankful that today there are hundreds of physically handicapped boys and girls whom we are helping to happier and more useful lives.

The past in Mechanics Hall has developed the strength we have in the present, that we might be enabled to meet the opportunity of the future. For all this "we thank God and take courage."

Aleppo Officer Elevated To High Scottish Rite Office

At the recent session of the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Illustrious Herbert N. Faulkner, 33°, First Ceremonial Master of Aleppo Temple, was elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council representing Massachusetts.

Illustrious Brother Faulkner, who resides in Melrose, is a Past Commander-in-Chief of Massachusetts Consistory and served between 1949 and 1952. He attended the public schools of Melrose and was graduated from Boston University in 1928, Business School in 1931. He served for many years as a member of the Melrose School Committee.

He was raised in Wyoming Lodge in 1924 and was its Master in 1943; exalted in Waverly Royal Arch Chapter in 1929 and its High Priest in 1938. He was greeted in Melrose Council, R. & S. M. in 1947 and knighted in Hugh de Paynes Commandery in 1931. He joined the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston in 1943 and was elected an Honorary 33° member of the Supreme Council in 1951.

Noble Faulkner has been President of the Federal Home Loan Savings Bank of Boston since 1948.

He was appointed Second Ceremonial Master of Aleppo Temple in 1957 by Potentate George A. Weeks and First Ceremonial Master in 1958 by Potentate Edgar L. Turner.

Other Active Members from this State include Illustrious Claude Leroy Allen, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts, Illustrious Rutherford E. Smith, 33°, and Emil U. Dillenback, 33°.

At the same session seven distinguished Nobles of Aleppo Temple were elected to receive the 33° Honorary in Buffalo, New York at the session to be held in September, 1959. Among these Nobles were Illustrious George A. Weeks, of Melrose, Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple, Harry L. Wiggin of Melrose, Theodore A. Holland of Salem, Henry P. Smith of Hyannis, Henry S. C. Cummings of Boston, Raeburn B. Hathaway of Lawrence, and William L. MacIntosh of Worcester.

"What's In A Name?"

We have in Aleppo members whose surnames, starting at the creation of Old Mother Earth and the planting of the Garden of Eden, are as follows: Adams, Canes, Abels.

We have Hills, Vales, Rocks, Dales, Ponds, Brooks, Rivers, Lakes, Pooles, Forests and Fields.

From Holy Writ, Abrahams, Isaacs and Jacobs, Davids and Solomons, Josephs and Pauls, Mathews and Marks, Lukes, Johns, James's, Simons and Peters; also Popes, Bishops, Parsons, Priests, Elders, Cantors and a Nurse. If you are thirsty we have many Waters, Beers, Brooks, Lakes, Rivers, Ponds and Pooles.

If you are hungry your choice of Ham, Bacon, Fowle, Beans, Hamburger, Rice, Pease, Barley, Baldwins, Bartletts, Berrys, Pears, Peaches and Appels.

In our Forest we have Oakes, Pines, Ashe and Burch.

For seasons we have: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter, and many Days and Weeks.

For weather: Snow, Raines, Hale and Gales.

We have many Rich and Poor; Short and Tallman, Small and Strong, Stout and Smart.

For color we have: Black and White, Green and Gray, Brown and Pink.

We can place them in Barnes, Churches, Chapells, Houses, Halls and Hutts, — and build them of Stone, Marble, Steele, Glass, Wood, Quartz and Sand.

We can heat with Wood and Cole, ornamented with Gold and Silver, Ruby, Pearl and Diamond.

In the Aquarium many Fish, including Bass, Chubbs, Pike, Salmon, Trout, Eeles and Seal.

In the Zoo: Boas, Bulls, Bucks, Harts, Badgers, Baers, Does, Deers, Fox, Lyons, Lambs, Katzs and Hoggs.

In the Bird family: Crowes, Chicks, Starlings, Sparrows, Jays, Swallows, Swifts, Partridges, Parrotts, Drakes, Cranes, Robins, Swans, and a Flye.

Blossoms, Roses, Blooms and Lillys fill the air.

For Royalty we have: Kings and Queens, Princes, Barons, Lords and Dukes, and they are French, English, Irish, German.

And our trades are many: Bakers, Barbers, Butlers, Cooks, Coopers, Butchers, Brewers, Carpenters, Carters, Chandlers, Curriers, Watchmakers, Drapers, Drivers, Dyers, Farmers, Hoopers, Filers, Masons, Fowlers, Gardners, Glovers, Glaziers, Plummers, Potters, Porters, Millers, Hunters, Goldsmiths, Smiths and Sanders.

You can find anything you need in Aleppo if you hunt for it.

Don't Scare Away Candidates! Request No Work

There are many York Rite and Scottish Rite members eligible to be Shriners who hesitate to petition for membership in Aleppo. Yet, because of physical or other good and substantial reasons, they feel that they are unable to endure the "ordeal" of the very much over-emphasized "Shrine initiation."

There are always plenty of able and willing "Novices" in our classes of candidates to properly stage our "Second Section Initiation" . . . SO LET'S NOT SCARE AWAY ANY CANDIDATES who might feel that the initiation would be too strenuous. Rather, let us seek out these fellows and assure them that this part of the ceremony is not obligatory; their petitions will be plainly marked "NO WORK" and there will be no so called "physical ordeal."

Heading South, Noble?

In past years many of our Nobles, who planned to spend the winter months in Florida have made inquiries about the Florida Shrine Temples and the dates of their Ceremonials and functions. To assist our Nobles heading for the Sunshine State for the winter months this year, we are listing below the names and addresses of the Florida Temples and suggest that they contact the Recorder of these Temples upon arrival to obtain the dates of their activities.

Mahi Temple
1500 N. W. North River Drive
Miami, Florida
Robert C. Booth, Recorder
Telephone: NEwton 5-2545

Morocco Temple
219 Newman Street
Jacksonville, Florida
Sparks Jones, Recorder
Telephone: ELgin 3-6291

Egypt Temple
402 South Boulevard
Tampa, Florida
D. W. McKay, Recorder
Telephone: 8-3870

Bahia Temple
12 West Gore Avenue
Orlando, Florida
David A. MacAdams, Recorder
Telephone: GA 4-4027

Committee Appointed To Obtain New Headquarters

At the Business Meeting of Aleppo Temple held August 22, 1958, the Nobles of Aleppo elected a Committee for the purpose of procuring suitable offices and headquarters for Aleppo Temple incident to the Temple moving from Mechanics Building.

This Committee has put in many hours visiting and exploring possible locations for new headquarters and have had several propositions before them.

As this notice goes to press, the Committee has not reached a final decision but there will be an announcement made at the November 25th Ceremonial as to the future plans for Aleppo Temple, which we feel sure will be comparable to the fine headquarters occupied in Mechanics Building for so many years and one that will be representative of a large Fraternal Organization such as Aleppo Temple.

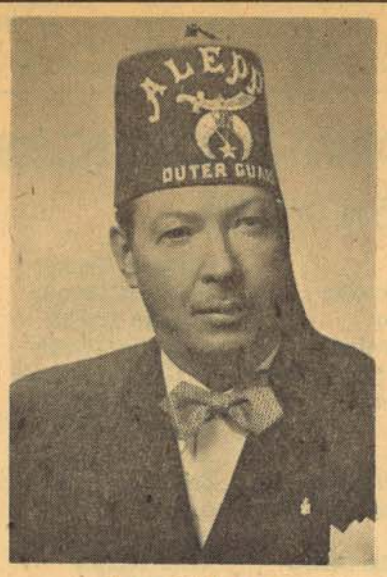
NATIONAL SHRINE STATISTICS JANUARY 1, 1958

SHRINE TEMPLES

Number of Shrine Temples		166
Shrine membership at January 1, 1958		800,332
State with largest Shrine population — Pennsylvania		71,220
State with largest number of Shrine Temples — Texas		11
Number of Temples in Canada		9
Number of Temples in Mexico		1
Number of Shrine Temple Associations		15
MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 1, 1957		780,849
Creations, 1957	43,692	
Affiliated	4,129	
Restorations	2,579	
Total Gain, 1957	50,400	
Demitted, 1957	6,524	
Suspended	8,938	
Deaths	15,455	
Total Loss, 1957	30,917	
NET GAIN YEAR 1957		19,483
MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 1, 1958		800,332
OUR GOAL 1,000,000 Nobles in North America		
SHRINE HOSPITALS		
Number of Shrine Hospitals		17
Total bed capacity		1,040
Total number of Permanent Contributing Memberships (Members exempt from hospital assessment)		197,091

WALTER W. BENSON
Marshal

RAYMOND A. PHILLIPS
Captain of the Guard



CECIL C. MARBLE
Outer Guard

WILLIAM A. ODELL
Inner Guard

Imperial Sir George E. Stringfellow
Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America

SHRINERS' NEW IMPERIAL POTENTATE

Reprint from **Atlantic City Press**

This State is honored in the selection of a Jerseyan to head the nation's 800,000 Shriners. George E. Stringfellow, 65, of East Orange, the new Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, is no stranger to Atlantic City. He was elected Wednesday at the Imperial Council Sessions in Chicago.

Closely associated with Thomas A. Edison during the famed inventor's later years, Stringfellow is vice president of the Edison Industries of McGraw - Edison, West Orange. The lanky industrialist's achievements in civic and philanthropic endeavors have been equally impressive.

Apart from the numerous fraternal honors that have come his way, he has been the recipient of awards and citations from the American Cancer Society, the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey, the Brotherhood Committee of Christians and Jews, the N. J. Society of Professional Engineers and other organizations.

A talk he made here a year ago before the New Jersey Order of DeMolay provides some clue to his philosophy of life.

"Without integrity, our land would be a shambles," he said. "Everything we are, everything we have, everything we hope for rests upon the integrity of mankind.

"The idea that honesty does not pay is false. Only the honest physician is successful. Only the honest lawyer reaches the peak of his profession. Only those firms that turn out quality products and render honest service stay in business."

The Press commented editorially on Stringfellow's remarks at the time, declaring that his efforts to re-emphasize basic virtues should not be permitted to go unnoticed. The editorial was subsequently reprinted in the Congressional Record.

The Shriners have a dynamic leader in Stringfellow. He plans to travel 125,000 miles to visit most of the Shrine's 166 Temples and 17 Hospitals.

It promises to be an eventful year which, significantly enough, will culminate in the Shriner's Convention in Atlantic City in 1959. We are looking forward to it.

Plans Underway For Shrine's '59 Convention In Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY (I.C.) Before the gay green, red and gold suits were back from the cleaners after attending their last National Convention which closed in Chicago July 17, the Shrine's planning committee was in a meeting here setting the stage for next year's Imperial Council Session to be held here during the week of July 5. First action was Imperial Potentate George E. Stringfellow's appointment of Walter S. Jeffries, Jr., Atlantic City attorney and Potentate of Trenton's Crescent Temple, as Director General of the 85th annual event.

Imperial Potentate Stringfellow and Imperial Recorder George M. Saunders, Chicago, met with a committee of seven leading members of the host Temple, Crescent of Trenton, N. J. The committee members are Walter S. Jeffries, Jr.; Lee A. Wiley, Chief Rabban, Lawrenceville, N. J.; Russell Denny, Assistant Treasurer; Joseph I. McDonell, committee member, Atlantic City; Malcolm Bowen, Assistant Rabban, Margate City, N. J.; Arthur E. Armitage, Jr., Collingswood, N. J., and Frederick Stigale, Jr., High Priest and Prophet, Riverside, N. J.

Sailing Under False Colors

Quite often we meet a Noble in the course of business or pleasure who proudly displays a Shrine pin in his coat lapel, and when queried as to the name of the Temple to which he belongs, confesses rather reluctantly that he obtained a demit from the Shrine some time ago.

It is possible there are some Shriners residing in our jurisdiction who wear pins, rings or other insignia to signify their allegiance to the Order and yet carry demits or stand suspended from membership in their Temple.

A demit is really a temporary leave of absence, acting as a letter of introduction to some other Temple, and should be exchanged at the first opportunity for a paid-up membership card.

The Shrine, like every other fraternal organization, needs funds on which to operate. The bulk of those funds is largely derived through the payment of dues. The Shriner who is not paying dues to some Temple in North America is remiss in his duty to Shrinedom.

The question often arises in the Shrine, as in all fraternal organizations, "Should a former member whose name is not on the active membership list of an organization continue to wear the emblem of that Order?"

These organizations were founded and carried on through the interest and co-operation of the active members, who continue to contribute to the expense and keep the organizations alive. That is what made it possible for the former members to join and originally become eligible to wear emblems.

A person wearing the pin or charm of an organization does so because he wants the public to know that he belongs to that body and is proud of it. If he has severed his connections and yet continues to wear these emblems, he is knowingly acting a falsehood. He is giving the public the impression that he is a member of that organization when he actually is not.

He must feel it an honor to belong to these organizations or he would not desire to wear the emblems. Any man wishing to retain this honor should aid in the upkeep and the furtherance of the Orders.

This Is The Law

To be a member of the Shrine one must be a member in good standing of either the Commandery, Knights Templar, or the Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons. It is not compulsory to be a member of both Rites, but good standing in the Rite of one's choice is obligatory. This is the Shrine Law.

For one to be a member in good standing in either of the above mentioned Rites, one must be of good standing in his Blue Lodge.

This was the requirement when you came into the Shrine, and this is the way it must stay as long as you are in the Shrine. Every year a certain number of Shriners figure they can go along in the "Sunshine of the Shrine" and not pay their dues in the Masonic Bodies. Consequently it becomes necessary, in such cases, for the Shrine to suspend those Nobles who fail to pay their dues in their prerequisite Masonic Bodies, for non-affiliation.

Nobles, don't let this happen to you. Remember that to remain in the Shrine you must maintain your "Status quo."

SHRINE CLUBS UNDER JURISDICTION OF ALEPPO TEMPLE

SHRINE CLUB OF SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
Chartered September 14, 1957 — Membership 568
Linville A. Slone, President
Albert D. Tilton ..... 1st Vice President
D. Richard Beserosky ..... 2nd Vice President
Alvin L. K. Tunstall ..... Secretary
William Stitt ..... Treasurer

WORCESTER COUNTY SHRINE CLUB
Chartered April 12, 1932 — Membership 306
Iver J. Erikson, President
Eldridge E. Campbell ..... Vice President
Roland C. Wennerberg ..... Secretary
Walter J. Fleming ..... Treasurer

GARDNER SHRINE CLUB
Chartered June 6, 1938 — Membership 191
Leo Reponen, President
Philip E. Woodman ..... Vice President
Charles F. Saunders ..... Secretary
Thorsten B. Lind ..... Treasurer

MERRIMACK VALLEY SHRINE CLUB
Chartered February 3, 1948 — Membership 236
William H. Vercammen, President
David S. Belyea ..... 1st Vice President
Robert Catherwood ..... 2nd Vice President
Hector MacFarlane ..... Secretary
Herman C. Taylor ..... Treasurer

NEWBURYPORT SHRINE CLUB
Chartered May 1, 1951 — Membership 131
A. Wesley Jones, President
Anthony Jeuvelis ..... 1st Vice President
Albert M. Genn ..... 2nd Vice President
John S. Gove ..... Secretary
C. Albert Caswell ..... Treasurer

THE NORTH SHORE SHRINE CLUB
Chartered October 9, 1953 — Membership 465
Herman C. McStay, P.P., President
Leland L. Hersey ..... 1st Vice President
Harold D. Stone ..... 2nd Vice President
Albert C. Rogers ..... Secretary
William S. Moore ..... Treasurer
Franklin B. Ward ..... Chaplain

THE FITCHBURG & LEOMINSTER SHRINE CLUB
Chartered September 1954 — Membership 246
Charles M. Hassett, President
Charles A. Ztrakas ..... 1st Vice President
John T. Thomas ..... 2nd Vice President
J. Everett White ..... Secretary
Philip F. Waterhouse ..... Treasurer

CHARLES RIVER VALLEY SHRINE CLUB
Chartered October 24, 1955 — Membership 285
Paul E. Kolman, President
Henry F. Bell ..... 1st Vice President
Clarence G. Young ..... 2nd Vice President
Arthur K. Wells ..... Secretary & Treasurer

Introducing Our New Imperial Outer Guard

Illustrious Noble Thomas F. Seay, who was elected to the office of Imperial Outer Guard of the Imperial Council, was born in the Blue Grass State on August 15, 1903, the fourth generation of his family to be born in Mayfield, Kentucky, and the oldest of four children of John W. Seay and Clara Maude Seay. He attended the public schools in Mayfield and moved to Chicago in 1924 to further his education.

His business interests were varied, and after two years with the First National Bank of Chicago, he entered the real estate business and continued in that line until 1937 when he founded the real estate and mortgage business of Seay & Thomas, Inc. He owns and operates this firm which has its offices at 111 West Washington St., Chicago.

His enthusiasm and interest in Freemasonry stems from a very early age. He took his First Degree in Mayfield, Kentucky, upon reaching the required age of 21. Moving to Chicago before he could complete his Degrees in Masonry in Mayfield, he was raised in Olympia Lodge in Chicago. His fraternal affiliations are many; he is a member of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Chicago; Logan Chapter No. 196, R.A.M.; Chicago Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar; and a member of Medinah Temple He was elected to the Royal Order of Jesters in 1944, the Red Cross of Constantine in 1953, and the Royal Order of Scotland in 1954. He served as Potentate in Chicago's Medinah Temple in 1956.

Tom is a member of many business and social organizations. These include the Mortgage Bankers Association of Chicago, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, the Chicago Real Estate Board, The National Association of Real Estate Boards, Executives' Club, Economic Club, Illinois Small Business Men's Association, Beverly Hills Country Club and Union League Club of Chicago.

Imperial Sir Thomas F. Seay
Imperial Outer Guard of the Shrine of North America

IMPERIAL DIVAN OFFICERS 1958-1959

George E. Stringfellow	Imperial Potentate	Crescent Temple	Trenton, N. J.
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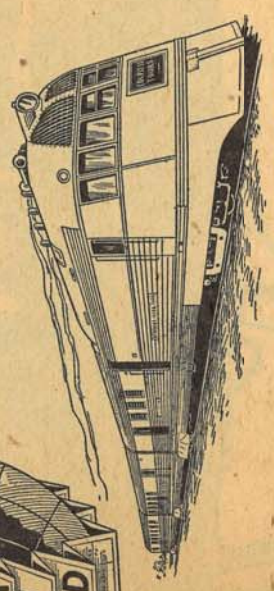

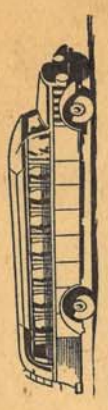

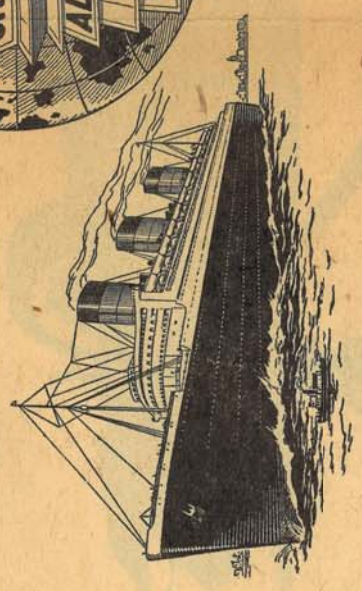

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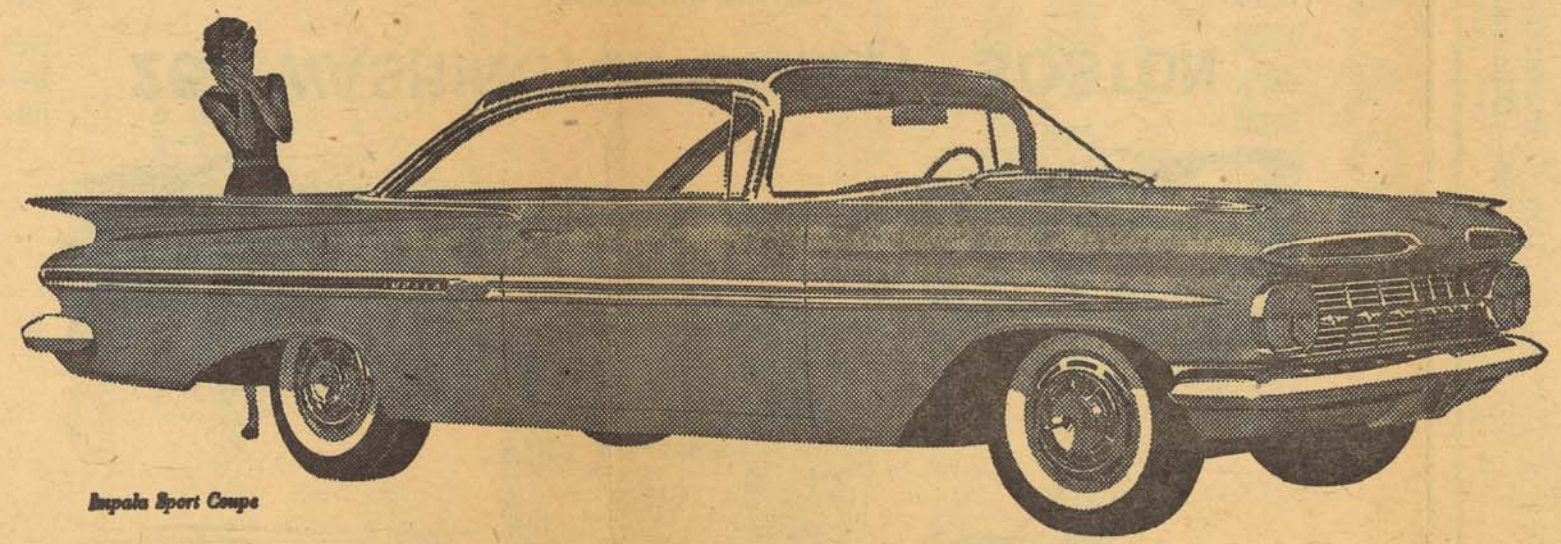

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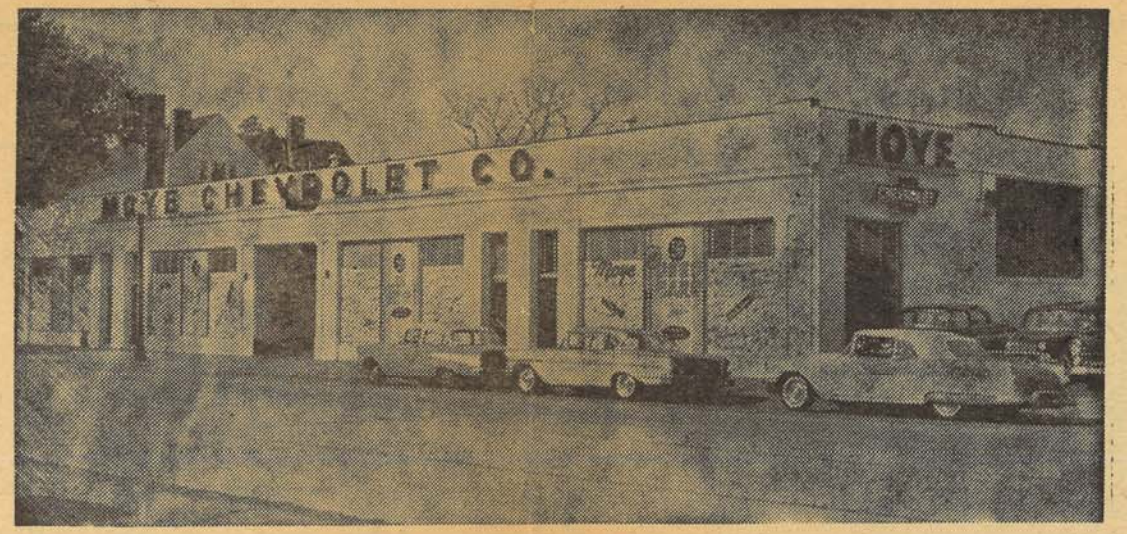

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